

**THE AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 1:

The stopper portion 24 is provided to limit the depth to which the shaft 12 of the golf tee 10 can be inserted into the ground surface. The stopper portion 24 is adapted to lie contiguously with the ground surface in use. In this manner, the stopper portion 24 abuts the ground surface, providing a ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing surface, which imparts greater stability to a golf ball, when placed atop the golf tee 10. Optionally, the stopper portion 24 maybe provided with a plurality of leg portions (not shown), extending downwardly from a lower surface of the stopper portion 24. The provision of leg portions enables the golf tee to be more readily removed from the ground by pulling the stopper portion 24 upwardly.